(b) The details of the total quantity of naphtha and cost of naphtha supplied to the power stations at Kochi and Kayamkulam is given in the statement (*See* below). Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are not supplying naphtha to other power stations in Kerala.

(c) to (e) Naphtha is a decontrolled product. The price of naphtha supplied by public sector oil marketing companies to power stations in Kerala is based on the commercial considerations of both parties.

Statement

Details of total quantity of naphtha and cost of naphtha supplied to power stations namely at Kochi and Kayamkulam

S. No.	Name of Power Plant	Name of oil company supplying Naphtha	Quantity Supplied in 2004-05 (Quantity in TMT)	Weighted Average cost of Naphtha supplied during 2004-05 (Rs./MT)	Quantity supplied during the period April-July, 2005 (in TMT)	Weighted Average cost of Naphtha supplied during May*2005 (Rs./MT)	Weighted Average Cost of Naphtha during July,2005 (Rs./MT)
1.	BSES, Kochi	IOC	16.70	17,165.21	6.90	22,401.60	—
2.	NTPC, Kayamkulam	BPCL	105.92	19,297.53	58.61	—	21,655.00

*Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has not made any naphtha supplies to BSES, Kochi in July 2005.

Promotion of PNG

2303. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that eco-friendly Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is cheaper than LPG cylinder;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to make it available for household; and

(c) what steps are being taken to make PNG available to other States where it is not available?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) At present, PNG is being made available by Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) and Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) in house-holds in certain localities in Delhi and Mumbai respectively. It is proposed to extend

Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to other States subject to availability of gas, setting up of infrastructure facilities, and economic viability.

Promotion of battery driven bus

†2304. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item where it has been stated that IIT Delhi invented a battery driven bus;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to permit the commercial use of this bus; and

(c) what is the view of the Ministry regarding this bus?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As informed by IIT, Delhi, further steps like assembling prototypes are required to be undertaken before the existing technology can be commercialized for different applications and capacities. Therefore, it would be premature for Government to take a view in the matter.

Review of Blocks under NELP-V

2305. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review has been sought on entire evaluation process of two blocks i.e. Block D-3 and Block-6 in KG under NELP-V;

(b) if so, whether a review is being done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Block D-3 (KG-DWN-2003/1) falling in KG deepwater & Block 6 (GV-ONN-2003/1) falling in the Ganga Valley basin under the Fifth Round of the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V) have already been awarded separately to two consortia. Block D-3 (KG-DWN-2003/1) has been awarded to a

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.